

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1391 - SB 1668

March 15, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Clarifies the language that authorizes the Department of Human Services to file a complaint of paternity with the court.
- Amends state law to bring it into compliance with Federal requirements for notification of the parent and the employer and for filing claims when a child is covered by the health insurance plan of the non-custodial parent.
- Brings Tennessee law into compliance with Federal requirements for review and adjustment of child support orders at least every three years. Clarifies the current language requiring DHS notification to credit bureaus when a child support obligor is in arrears.
- Amends the ability of the Department of Human Services to issue a subpoena to obtain genetic testing of a non-parental relative in order to establish paternity.
- Amends the current requirement that financial institutions give information to DHS in order to seize assets of delinquent parents and to coordinate with the Federal Parent Locator Service.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$316,000 One-Time (Reflected in Governor's FY01-02 Budget)

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - \$613,000 One-Time

Bill will require modifications to the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System to implement required changes. Expenditures related to such changes will be partially funded with federal dollars.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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